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TO

: Chief, Intelligence Information Staff

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: Chief, D/S Chief, S/SP

FROM

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SUBJECT: Further Exploitation of Source Responsible for Information Report of 9 August 1955

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It is highly probable that this source can provide information concerning efforts of the Sino-Soviet Bloc countries in general, and of Csechoslovakia in particular, to increase economic ties between those countries and countries of the Free-World.

It is requested that the questions listed below/directed to this source. The general collection requirements submitted by S/SP on 6 September 1955 can serve as background information for the guidance of the interrogator.

25X1XQ. At the conference held in during February 1955 were any of the following subjects discussed? If so, what official pronouncements were made concerning them and what conclusions were reached? What similar topics were discussed?

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- a. Methods of increasing economic ties between countries of the Middle East (or other areas; please specify) and Czechoslovakia or between these free-world countries and the Sino-Soviet Bloc in general.
- b. Types of industrialization assistance to be offered free-world countries; i.e. (1) the types of plant and equipment to be offered each free-world country, (2) whether or not to hire out, or provide gratis, technical experts such as engineers or plant managers, (3) the provision of loans in gold or negotiable currencies to finance specific projects, (4) the supply of industrial plants or equipment on credit, etc.
- c. Limits to the economic assistance which Csechoslovakia (and other Sino-Soviet ecuntries) is prepared to provide.

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- d. Which free-world countries are to be most actively wooed to increase their economic ties with Csecho and other Sino-Soviet Bloc countries?
- 2. Is there in effect a campaign on the part of Csechoslovakia (and other Sino-Soviet countries) to convince free-world countries that Czecho (and the other Sino-Soviet countries) are ready and willing to assist their economic development? If so:
 - a. When and where was this plan formulated?
 - b. What methods are to be used to carry it out?
 - c. What lines of propaganda have been suggested?
 - d. What is the procedure for offering and delivering an industrial installation (a complete plant, including its erection and preparation for operation) to a free-world country by Csecho? i.e.:
 - (1) What organization directs that/specific offer be made?
 - (2) What arganisation handles technical negotiations and oversees fulfillment of a contract?
 - (3) What is the structure and who are the chief personnel of these organisations?
 - (4) How are Csech offers coordinated with offers from other Sino-Soviet Bloc countries?
 - e. What free-world contacts (personnel or organizations) are used to assist this campaign? Give names, addresses and any other pertinent information.
- 3. Has there been an increase in the number of commercial representatives being trained for duty abroad? Elaborate, i.e., how many, for what countries, when did the increase begin?
- 4. Does Csechoslovakia own stock in, or have other interests in any free-world businesses? If so what businesses (names and addresses) and type and quantity of stock is held? What other support is given to, or influence exerted upon these companies?

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- 5. Does the Csech Hinistry of Foreign Trade (either in Prague or thru representatives in free world countries) contact the Committee for the Promotion of International Trade? If so specify:
 - a. type of relationship
 - b. erganisations and persons involved. (addresses, where svailable)
- 6. Does the Czech Ministry of Fereign Trade play any role in the sale of munitions to free-world countries? If not, what Czech government instrumentalities handle such transactions? (Names, addresses, instances)

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